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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please delete the original Abstract, and substitute therefor the attached revised Abstract.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the original Specification and substitute therefor the attached revised Specification.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 1-5 and substitute therefor the following new claims.

6. Apparatus for binding wire around an object comprising a feed member for feeding said wire, said feed member including a feed wheel for feeding and stretching said wire, and separate measuring means for continuously measuring the length of said wire fed by said feeding member whereby said measuring means does not feed said wire.

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